Belmont Elementary School’s playground is in desperate need of a revamp for our growing and diverse student population. A large majority of our students come from low-income homes, and do not have big backyards or outdoor play areas at their homes; therefore, our playground is one of the only places where our kids are able to run, jump, and get the exercise they need. Belmont currently has enrollment of over 800 students, and although the physical space we have for recess is significant, our actual equipment is aging, small, and does not adequately meet the needs of our larger student body. In addition, there are some aspects of the playground that have been deemed in recent years as unsafe for elementary children (most particularly, the monkey bars and the zipline). Rather than having to tell children to stay away from these areas, we would love to have additional swings and slides (ours are always filled to capacity at recess time) for students to use instead of the more dangerous equipment.

We have obtained a quote for new equipment of approximately $24,000, and our PTA has pledged that they will match whatever monies we receive from grants and/or fundraisers. Active play is such an essential part of a child’s holistic education, and we believe that an upgraded playground would be of great value to our students. Your continued support of our school and this effort would be so very appreciated.